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REMARKS

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Claims 2, 5-7, 9, 12 and 23-38 were pending in the application prior to this amendment. Claims 2, 5-7, 9 and 12 have been canceled herein. Claims 23-38 remain in the application unchanged. Accordingly, after entry of this amendment, claims 23-38 will be pending in the application.

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I. Rejection of Claims 2, 5-7, 9 and 12 over Okamoto

Claims 2, 5-7, 9 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Okamoto (JP 09-179468).

Claims 2, 5-7, 9 and 12 have been canceled.

II. Rejection of Claims 2, 5-7, 9 and 12 over Honda

Claims 2, 5-7, 9 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Honda (US 4,985,734)

Claims 2, 5-7, 9 and 12 have been canceled.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates, on page 4 of the Office action, that claims 23-38 are allowed.

For the reasons advanced above, it is believed that, upon entry of the amendment presented herein, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted;

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